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Report Highlights:

On March 31, 2005, China's Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) and the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) made a joint announcement to ban poultry product imports from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), due to outbreaks of high pathogenic avian influenza in that country.

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On March 31, 2005, the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) and the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) made a joint announcement to ban imports of live poultry and poultry products from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), due to outbreaks of the high pathogenic avian influenza – H5N1 in that country. This report is an unofficial translation of the joint announcement.

(Unofficial Translation)

**No. 486 Joint Announcement
Of
The Ministry of Agriculture
And
The General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine
Of the People's Republic of China
(March 31, 2005)**

Recently, the National Veterinary Urgent Quarantine Committee of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) announced that several chicken farms in the DPRK, including Xiatang chicken farm (translated based on pronunciation), suffered outbreaks of avian influenza. Thousands of fowl have died of this disease. In order to prevent the disease from entering China and to protect China's livestock, the Ministry of Agriculture and the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine hereby make the following joint announcement, based on the Law of the People's Republic of China on Entry and Exit Animal and Plant Quarantine.

- 1. Forbid direct or indirect imports of poultry birds and products from the DPRK, suspend issuance of Import Quarantine Permit for importation of poultry birds and products from the DPRK and cancel any Import Quarantine Permits that have already been issued.*
- 2. Shipments of poultry birds or products from the DPRK, which have already arrived at China's entry ports, shall be returned or destroyed. If the import and export quarantine authority (CIQ) had already accepted an application of import quarantine, they shall add the test of avian influenza to test items, and shall release the imported poultry from the DPRK only after the tests prove that the imported poultry are qualified.*
- 3. Forbid poultry birds and products from the DPRK to enter China through post or brought in by travelers. Once found, the poultry birds and products shall be returned or destroyed.*
- 4. If poultry birds and products are found from the DPRK onboard international flights, ships and trains that transit China or stop over in China, they should be sealed. Poultry birds raised by the crew for their own consumption should be put in strong cages. Wastes from those means of transportation shall not be dumped at will, but be disinfected under the supervision of CIQ.*
- 5. All intercepted poultry birds or products from the DPRK smuggled into China shall be destroyed under the supervision of CIQ.*
- 6. Any violation of the above mention regulation will be handled according to the "Law of the People's Republic of China on Entry and Exit Animal and Plant Quarantine" and the relevant implementation regulations.*

7. *All CIQ offices at various levels shall co-ordinate closely, so as to do a good job in supervision of animal disease inspection and quarantine, as well as in animal disease prevention.*
8. *This regulation becomes effective on the date of announcement.*

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